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6 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**
7 **DISTRICT OF NEVADA**

9 MICHAEL ERWINE,

10 Plaintiff,

11 vs.

12 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
13 CHURCHILL COUNTY, a political subdivision
14 of the State of Nevada; CHURCHILL
15 COUNTY SHERIFF BENJAMIN TROTTER;
16 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, ZACHARY
17 WESTBROOK, JON LEONARD, MICHEL
18 HALL, GENE BURK; and DOES I through X
inclusive,

17 Defendants.

Case No.: 3:24-cv-00045-MMD-CSD

STIPULATED PROTECTIVE ORDER

19 In order to protect the confidentiality of confidential information obtained by the parties
20 in connection with this case, the parties hereby agree as follows:

21 1. Any party or non-party may designate as “confidential” (by stamping the relevant
22 page or otherwise as set forth herein) any document or response to discovery which that party or
23 non-party considers in good faith to contain confidential information, subject to protection under
24 the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, or state or federal law (“Confidential Information”).

25 Where a document or response consists of more than one page, the first page and each page on
26 which confidential information appears shall be so designated. This protective order shall also
27 constitute an authorizing order of a court of competent jurisdiction under 5 U.S.C. § 552a(b)(11)
28 (part of the Privacy Act).

1 2. A party or non-party may designate information disclosed during a deposition or
2 in response to written discovery as “confidential” by so indicating in said response or a party or
3 non-party may designate in writing, within twenty (20) days after receipt of said responses or of
4 the deposition transcript for which the designation is proposed, that specific pages of the
5 transcript and/or specific responses be treated as “confidential” information. Any other party
6 may object to such proposal, in writing or on the record. Upon such objection, the parties shall
7 follow the procedures described in paragraph 8 below. After any designation made according to
8 the procedure set forth in this paragraph, the designated documents or information shall be
9 treated according to the designation until the matter is resolved according to the procedures
10 described in paragraph 8 below, and counsel for all parties shall be responsible for making all
11 previously unmarked copies of the designated material in their possession or control with the
12 specific designation.

13 3. All information produced or exchanged in the course of this case (other than
14 information that is publicly available) shall be used by the party or parties to whom the
15 information is produced solely for the purpose of this case.

16 4. Except with the prior written consent of other parties and the non-party providing
17 the Confidential Information, if applicable, or upon the prior order of this Court obtained upon
18 notice to opposing counsel, Confidential Information shall not be disclosed to any person other
19 than:

20 (a) counsel for the respective parties to this litigation, including in-house counsel and
21 co-counsel retained for this litigation;

22 (b) employees of such counsel;

23 (c) individual parties, class representatives, any officer or employee of a party, to the
24 extent deemed necessary by Counsel for the prosecution or defense of this litigation;

25 (d) consultants or expert witnesses retained for the prosecution or defense of this
26 litigation, provided that each such person shall execute a copy of the Certification annexed to this
27 Order as Exhibit “A” (which shall be retained by counsel to the party so disclosing the
28 Confidential Information and made available for inspection by opposing counsel during the

1 pendency or after the termination of the action only upon good cause shown and upon order of
 2 the Court) before being shown or given any Confidential Information;

3 (e) any authors or recipients of the Confidential Information;

4 (f) the Court, Court personnel, and court reporters; and

5 (g) witnesses (other than persons described in paragraph 4(e)). A witness shall sign
 6 the Certification before being shown a confidential document. Confidential Information may be
 7 disclosed to a witness who will not sign the Certification only in a deposition at which the party
 8 who designated the Confidential Information is represented or has been given notice that
 9 Confidential Information shall be designated “Confidential” pursuant to paragraph 2 above.

10 Witnesses shown Confidential Information shall not be allowed to retain copies.

11 5. Any persons receiving Confidential Information shall not reveal or discuss such
 12 information to or with any person who is not entitled to receive such information, except as set
 13 forth herein.

14 6. Unless otherwise permitted by statute, rule or prior court order, papers filed with
 15 the Court under seal shall be accompanied by a contemporaneous motion for leave to file those
 16 documents under seal, and shall be filed consistent with the court’s electronic filing procedures
 17 in accordance with Local Rule IA 10-5. Notwithstanding any agreement among the parties, the
 18 party seeking to file a paper under seal bears the burden of overcoming the presumption in favor
 19 of public access to papers filed in court. *Kamakana v. City and County of Honolulu*, 447 F.2d
 20 1172 (9th Cir. 2006); *Pintos v. Pac. Creditors Ass’n*, 605 F.3d 665, 677-78 (9th Cir. 2010), and
 21 *Center for Auto Safety v. Chrysler Group, LLC*, 809 F.3d 1092, 1097 (9th Cir. 2016).

22 7. A party may designate as “Confidential” documents or discovery materials
 23 produced by a non-party by providing written notice to all parties of the relevant document
 24 numbers of other identification within thirty (30) days after receiving such documents or
 25 discovery materials. Any party or non-party may voluntarily disclose to others without
 26 restriction any information designated by that party or non-party as confidential, although a
 27 document may lose its confidential status if it is made public.

1 8. If a party contends that any material is not entitled to confidential treatment, such
2 party may at any time give written notice to the party or non-party who designated the material.
3 The party or non-party who designated the material shall have twenty-five (25) days from the
4 receipt of such written notice to apply to the Court for an order designating the material as
5 confidential. The party or non-party seeking the order has the burden of establishing that the
6 document is entitled to protection.

7 9. Notwithstanding any challenge to the designation of material as Confidential
8 Information, all documents shall be treated as such and shall be subject to the provisions hereof
9 unless and until one of the following occurs:

10 (a) the party or non-party claims that the material is Confidential Information
11 withdraws such designation in writing; or

12 (b) the party or non-party who claims that the material is Confidential Information
13 fails to apply to the Court for an order designating the material confidential within the time
14 period specified above after receipt of a written challenge to such designation; or

15 (c) the Court rules the material is not confidential.

16 10. All provisions of this Order restricting the communication or use of Confidential
17 Information shall continue to be binding after the conclusion of this action, unless otherwise
18 agreed or ordered. Upon conclusion of the litigation, a party in the possession of Confidential
19 Information, other than that which is contained in pleadings, correspondence, and deposition
20 transcripts, shall either (a) return such documents no later than thirty (30) days after conclusion
21 of this action to counsel for the party or non-party who provided such information, or (b) destroy
22 such documents within the time period upon consent of the party who provided the information
23 and certify in writing within thirty (30) days that the documents have been destroyed.

24 11. The terms of this Order do not preclude, limit, restrict, or otherwise apply to the
25 use of documents at trial.

26 12. Nothing herein shall be deemed to waive any applicable privilege or work product
27 protection, or to affect the ability of a party to seek relief for an inadvertent disclosure of material
28 protected by privilege or work protection. Nothing herein and no future, voluntary act by the

United States, such as attending a deposition noticed by another party, shall constitute an alteration or waiver of the Court's Order (ECF No. 99) staying discovery as to Defendant United States.

13. Any witness or other person, firm or entity from which discovery is sought may be informed of and may obtain the protection of this Order by written advice to the parties' respective counsel or by oral advice at the time of any deposition or similar proceeding.

DATED this 16th day of September, 2024.

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11 **ORDER**

12 IT IS SO ORDERED.

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14 DATED: This _____ day of _____, 2024.

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16 _____
17 UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE
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EXHIBIT “A”**CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify my understanding that Confidential Information is being provided to me pursuant to the terms and restrictions of the Protective Order dated _____, 20____, in “MICHAEL ERWINE, Plaintiff, vs. UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, CHURCHILL COUNTY, a political subdivision, of the State of Nevada, CHURCHILL COUNTY SHERIFF BENJAMIN TROTTER, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, ZACHARY WESTBROOK, JON LEONARD, MICHEL HALL, GENE BURK, and DOES I through X inclusive, Civil No. 3:24-cv-00045-MMD-CSD.” I have been given a copy of that Order and read it. I agree to be bound by the Order. I will not reveal the Confidential Information to anyone, except as allowed by the Order. I will maintain all such Confidential Information – including copies, notes, or other transcriptions made therefrom – in a secure manner to prevent unauthorized access to it. No later than thirty (30) days after the conclusion of this action, I will return the Confidential Information – including copies, notes, or other transcriptions made therefrom – to the counsel who provided me with the Confidential Information. I hereby consent to the jurisdiction of the United States District Court for the purpose of enforcing the Protective Order.

DATED: _____.
